In assuming control of the agricultura l and horticultural departments of the Comer, we are well aware of the great responsibility and difficulty attached to the task.

Polities, no doubt, are necessary to move sary to feed the public mind on something copy of the New Orleans Times on the subelse; it gets tired of one diet, and in order ject, which may prove interesting :

fested in the development of the fruit and vegetable interest along the line of the Chicago, & St. Louis railroad calls for something of this kind. We have been solicited to start a newspaper devoted exclusively to this interest; but the want of time, and the fortune of so many agricultural papers, has kept us from such an unof this department of the Comer, a paper which has already a large and increasing circulation, and will advocate zealously the circulation, and will advocate zealously the so little by the introduction of machinery and increasing the circulation of machinery and the company of the company o development of our industrial resources.

inducements to the practical and scientific agriculturist as the rich and fertile lands of the South; and the day is not far distant when this will be found out, and immigrate when this will be found out, and immigrate when the world consist in getting the requisite supply of hand-skill, would be solved if these emigrating silk weavers could be induced to come here. tion from the North and from Europe will seek homes amongst us and assist in developing our large industrial resources.

Then comes horticulture, which has been the colony a complete outfit for growing and manufacturing silk, with experts to the horizone. That the project

As Whittier sung :

Give others their gold and kings their power, Let fortune's butbles rise and fall, Who sows a field or trains a flower, the close tree, is more then all.

gleaned from most of the monthly journals on such subjects.

We will unite what little practical experience we have with that learned from other sources, and try by degrees to make our department as interesting as possible. One

#### Silk Culture in the South.

respondence is solicted.

Silk culture in the South, is almost a new

one of our most profitable industries. It is an avocation that requires little or no capital; the labor can be carried on mostly by women and children, and the introduction and improvements of new kinds of mulberry trees are destined to make it

one of our most profitable resources.

A writer says on this subject: "The United States being, like China, situated on the control of the co

propagation of the improved species of Mulberry trees has awakened a new interest

in a prosperous condition. We might do Transcript. the same hern; every farmer, for the sum five or ten dollars, might put up a spinning

in 1876; we will put it at the current price, \$6,50 per pound—the figures quoted by ciation are \$8 to \$9 per pound. Thus, 400 pounds of cocoons picked by shoes. four children in four weeks would give \$6 to 40 pounds of silk, or \$360.

Now these figures are placed at a very ow estimate, and they best cotton. We need to diversify our industries to a greater extent. There are to day hundreds of silk operatives in the old world seeking new fields of labor, and if it can be proved to them that our own genial climate presents forward the wheels of government, and larger and better advantages than can be political papers are necessary to advance found elsewhere, immigrants will come political movements; but then it is necess here. We copy the following from a late

to gratify the taste of the people, the bill of fare will be changed to some extent and feed them on a little agriculture, horticulture, fruits, vegetables, etc.

The large interest which has been manifested in the development of the fruit and feed the development of the fruit and moist air of the Gulf States is

tural papers, has kept us from such an undertaking. Therefore we have taken charge while the cultivation of the Chinese and

Politics don't develope the wealth of a and is so largely dependent on handwork and skilled labor at that, as silk weaving. Politics don't develope the wealth of a country. Agriculture does; and it has passed into an old and familiar maxim that "he who makes two sprigs of grass grow where one grew before, is a public benefactor to the human race." Agriculture is the great lever of Archemides upon which rests the prosperity of the whole country. Stop this industry, and you put an end to sall other industries. And there is no connection as well other industries. And there is no connection as well other industries. And there is no connection to make some exertion to accomplish so deall other industries. And there is no coun- to make some exertion to accomplish so deall other industries. And there is no country upon the globe which offers so many stable an end. To establish important silk manufactures here would require no

defined as the poetry of agriculture. Tree planting, there is nothing more beautiful failed in a thinly populated colony, can have no influence in deciding the feasibility planting, there is nothing more beautiful and lasting. You may plant trees one day and die the next, but those who live after you, can seek repose under the bright foliage and gather fruit and think of those who are gone.

have no influence in deciding the remainder of its profitable accomplishment in a rich and populous State. The production and manufacture of silk has already attained large proportions in the United States, and those who are not familiar with the subject will be surprised to learn that there are in the subject will be surprised to learn that there are in the subject will be surprised to learn that there are in the subject who are not familiar with the subject who are gone. the country, or were, according to returns made in 1874, one hundred and eighty silk factories, giving employment to near 150,-000 people; and in addition to their fabrics which were consumed in the country, silk goods to the amount of near twenty-five million of dollars were imported. These four columns of agricultural matter every silk factories were chiefly in the Middle week; this makes sixteen columns per States and New England, with a few in the month, nearly as much information as is West, but not one of them is set down for othern States. From sheer neglect rather than any other reason, a great industry to which our section is eminently adapted is lost to the South.

#### Cure for Horse Colic.

At a meeting of the London Farmers of the main features of the department will be to interest the people in the culture of fruits and vegetables, to which we have considered the color of the culture of fruits and vegetables, to which we have a cure of colors of the culture of the Any practical questions and information on the subject will be answered through the columns of the Comer, and short corrections of the columns of the comer, and short corrections of the columns of the comer, and short corrections of the columns of the column

industry, but we believe it will be gradually developed until it will be ranked among one of our most profitable industries. puts the nose to the flanks, lies down, remains for a time on the back and breathes heavily throughout,

#### Garden Fertilizers. If I had the choice of one fertilizer only

United States being, like China, situated on the eastern side of a great continent, offers peculiar advantages for the production of silk. From the general predominance of silk. From the general predominance of westerly winds in extra tropical regions, the eastern side of continents in these possess a dry and warm summer climate, peculiarly adapted to the silk worm. Although in every part of the Union the mulberry can be reared, and the silk worm successfully fed, still it cannot be doubted that the Southern portion of the middle and all the Southern States, afford peculiar advantages to the silk cultuer. An agricultural resource, which in France and other countries is so highly appreciated, and fostered with so much zeal by the government, by the establishment of modern filatures, and the zealous attention of men of skill and science, should be regarded as well worthy science, should be regarded as well worthy the protection of the General and State governments of the Union. Still, in the Unitel States, for a number of years, much interest has been manifested in silk culture.

As late as 1841 the little town of Manafield,
Connecticut, with a small population of advantage to dry soils. It know of no crops and grow all over and between the rows, which a liberal dressing is applied that As late as 1841 the little town of Mansfield, Conneckeut, with a small population of 2,000 inhabitants, derived a profit of not less than \$20,000 from this business. At that time 3,000 pounds of recled silk were produced in Ohio. One person soll 300 pounds of recled silk were produced in Ohio. One person soll 300 pounds of recled silk were produced in Ohio. One person soll 300 pounds of recled silk of \$1,000. To show the interest that was manifested in this enterprise at that time, we need only refer to the works published on the subject.

P. S. Duponesus, of Philadelphia, published a dondecimo on the subject, and several Chinese treatises were published in 1878, by P. Force, of Washington City, also a large book by Mr. John Clarke, of Philadelphia—besides several papers were published advocating this interest alone.

Since that time the improvement and propagation of the improved angelian of the fermion of the interest alone.

Figure 1. The soil of asparagus beds, and now keep the cultivator running through the nevery two weeks, cutting of the rich collect and finest mand throw on and interest nome and throw on and interest to sucker that come up between the rows, and giving plants in rows double the chance.

First Recorder.

To Make Hens Lay.

I have tried most of these that have been given in the papers, but his ground and the plants, and throw on and interest alone.

The above is our experience. Hoe your the rich ground the plants

### Effect of Girdling Grapevines.

Among the experiments with grapeving We are under obligations to Dr. Baley, of Jackson, for a late circular on silk culture, from which we make a few extracts.

Among the experiments with grapevines at Amherst Agricultural College, girdling has produced some remarkable results, both in the quality of the fruit and the period of development. The vines were ture, from which we make a few extracts.
The Doctor expects to plant out an acre in Mulberry trees, and we are glad to learn will devote considerable attention to this caw industry.

both in the quality of the fruit and the period of development. The vines were girdled about the first of August, when the dist highest state, and the grape sugar had begun to increase. Experiments were made with whole vines and with branches. It says: "It has been proven that one man cun raise in a very limited space- a corner of his barn or cottage a little over 200 pounds of cocoons. If there are four children on an acre of Mulberries of good stock, from the 1st of May to the 10th of June, they would pick 400 pounds of weeks in advance of the same vine. The of June, they would pick 400 pounds of cocoons."

It is not more than fifteen years since the silk growers of Cervennes, France, were spinning their own cocoons, and they were spinning their own cocoons, and they were the fruit as the first year.—Amhersi (Mass.)

### To Cure Bysentery.

wheel. His sixteen year old daughter run it; a ten or iwelve year old girl could tend the teel, and in three weeks they will run off four to six—then eight to ten ounces per day of yellow or white essoons of good quality. There we have three pounds per week. I will not put the price at \$12 per pound, which was the price offered me

Kerosene is good to soften boots and

Texas last year shipped 1,000,000 bales of cotton. While years ago she shipped only 75,000. This year the cotton crop will be short,

Apples are excellent for fattening cows and horses; they increase largely the flow of milk. At this season of the year we hardly get enough apples to fatten ourselves.

Salt is a most excellent fertilizer for pear pear tree. It is applied by digging a trench four or five inches deep and four or five from the roots of the tree. Also drive iron spikes in your trees, most pear trees

ported eggs. She will pay ten times as in fixing the ammonia of the atm

But it should be composted with muck and not allowed to lie under the roots.

Quick lime is an excellent dressing for flowers of all kinds. "Strong cords wound around the trunks

ness." Have tried it with poor success. A Massachusetts farmer hoisted a large

Massachusets farmers. legs of horses will keep away flies.

old fashioned mode of plowing under maold fashioned mode of plowing under manner has become obsolete. He says in but also wice verse, by the decaying manner feeding plants we must not only place the feeding plants we must not only place the food in easy reach of the roots, but must which are rendered more soluble, and, therefore, more mpidly available to plants by also supply the best food in the best con-

According to recent experiments in France, the mole is a friend to the farmer. A single mole in four days devoured nearly a thousand grubs.

Silver ware may be cleaned by warming it, and then cooling it with a solution of collidion, diluted with alcohol.

Japanese Gardens.

The love of flowers, shrubs, and trees is widely spread in Japan; even in the busy commercial quarters of the large towns almost every house has its garden spot with its tiny dwarf shrubs. These dwarf shrubs and trees probably owe their origin to the and trees probably owe their origin to the narrow limits of space, and their production is carried on to such a ridiculous degree that a Dutch merchant was shown a box three inches deep, and with a square inch of surface, in which a hamboo, a fir, and a plam tree, the latter in full bloom, were growing and thriving. The price asked for this botanical curiosity was about \$300. this botanical curiosity was about \$300. The method of dwarfing is by checking the circulation of the sap, cramping the extension of the branches, and chilling the roots in flat perus pots, which are kept cold and lowing as a cure for colic: When the horse shows the symptoms of an attack of colic, apply at once a horse cloth or woolen rug, rung out of boiling water to the belly and up to the sides and cover with another couple of cloths to retain the heat. As they cool renew the cloths as aften as needful. A large bran poultice, as hot as can be borne, is equally effective and retains the heat longer.

The symptoms of colic are readily detected. The symptoms of colic are readily detected the colic and the production of the symptoms of the garden immediately after it has been cut. When designed for markies the fact and a day or two must intervent between the day of the cutting and t and stiff rectangular walls. A soft veivet-like turf covers the ground, and the clean gravel paths are bordered with gay stones, dwarf trees, and flower vases. From the pends, in which goldfish swim, and from the artificial rivulets, rise mossy little rocks, to which tiny bridges of every conceivable which tiny bridges of every conceivable ble skill is required to cut and bunch as shape lead. Such spots require too much paragus neatly. When one is not supplied with a patent buncher a measure should be care and attention to admit of wide extension, and so they generally occupy but a comparatively small space in front of the massion. High pruned hedges enclose these green boundoirs, where nature is disguised and curled as conventional culture and the transfer of "good society" demand. Without these hedges lie the wider parts of the garden, where nature is left more to herself, Japanese gardens look most beautiful to, ward the end of autumn, when the foliage of the maple assumes a bright purple hue, of the maple assumes a bright purple hue, and the azaleas and wax tree are clothed in dark purple tints. About this time, too, the winter chrysanthemum is in full bloom; it is the favorite flower of the Japanese, who possess countless varieties of it. The size and splendor of its starlike flowers are often incredible.—J. Douglas, in Garden-

#### Hoeing Strawberries.

ers Chroniele.

It hardly seems necessary to go over the strawberries again so soon, but we have strawberries again so soon, but we have had dear bought lessons in the past, one of which is to put off hoeing so long as weeds are not "getting the start of plants." We have now reversed it and mean to give plants the start of the weeds, and it is then easier to keep them shead. The fruit crop easier to keep them shead. The fruit crop days attention will despect of the Hudson. Set the plants four feet apart each way, and as the tenders of resulters hills is to rise too much easier to keep them shead. The fruit crop is soon coming on and our attention will be taken up with that, and if those straw-

stir in coarse Iudian meal until you have thick mush. Let it cook an hour or so. Feed hot. Horse radish chopped fine and stirred into mush as propared in the above directions, and for so as to have the hot water lodge in the scale of the plant. It is cooker the total continued too long, nor pared in the above directions, and for so as to have the hot water lodge in the scale of the plant. It is cooker than 100 to 100 t results we are getting from five to ten beart of the plant. If it is cooler than 160 many of the old larve will not mind it—as ing we had not had eggs for a long their skin sheds water like a duck's back. I have treed adding to the long tree of time. We hear a good deal of com-plaint from other people about not getting eggs. To such we would warmly recommend cooked feed, fed hot. Boiled apple skins seasoned with red peper or boiled potatocs seasoned with iorse radish are good for feed-much better than nucooked food. Corn when fed to the hen by itself has a ton dency to fatten rather than produce the more profitable egg laying. A appoinful of sulphur stirred with their feed occasionally will rid them of vermin and tone up their system,

"Sprinkle a little calomel on buttered bread and place where the rats can get it, putting a dish of water close by. This does not kill the rats, but it makes them soon disappear." We once tried it at home, and from that time no rat or mouse has been seen or heard in the house. The first night the four pieces of bread that had been put here and there were all eaten. The next night chief firstation, or the hat firstation, or any one of the four had been eaten and another nibbled. The third night not another bioled. The third uight as piece had been touched, and so again the fourth night. The rate had evidently gone, and not one of them has since been heard of, and none of them last since been heard of, and none of them. could have died on the premises.

The following letter was published in the Copiahan a few weeks since, but as there is considerable interest now on the subject, we republish it :

Editor Copiahan -- I trouble you with I few lines in reference to an article outlished in the Meridian Homestead of the 12th inst., on "Marl as a Fertilizer, and which also alludes to an article of urino published in the Times on the same sub-ject. I stated in that letter that I had made added cotton seed meal and sulphate of

very few persons know that tomatoes are excellent food for cows, and make them give an abundance of milk; but sweet potatoes are better than either.

Salt is a most excellent fertilizer for pear Salt is a most excellent fertilizer for pear trees; sprinkle two or three quarts to each post will be of less value than the mari itself.

As Prof. Hilgard is very good authority, the says: "Few subjects can be better to the purpo e of composting than the calcareous, and no less the gypscous marks before described. The mode of action of gypsam in fixing the ammonia of the atmosphere."

"I can't help it, I don't want it."

"I know you don't; you're one of those men that won't buy a gimlet unless it has a restaurant and a trip through Europe and an Italian opera company attached. You're has already been referred to; and its effects when used as a composting material are equally favorable. In many cases, where the direct application of gypsum to land is the direct application of gypsum to land is too expensive in proportion to the effects produced, it may be made to pay exceeding-ly well when used as a composting material, not only with stable manner, but also with cotton seed, that peculiar Southern fertil-izer. By a proper intermixture of the seed with some plaster, when piled up for preof fruit trees will increase their fruitfulservation as a manure, the ammonia may be retained, and effective value of the material

essentially increased.

With res cet to the use of lime or the umbrella in his corn field to drive away the crows. Imagine his surprise, one wet day in finding a flock of crows seeking shelter under it from a rain. Did not know Massachusetts crows were smarter than fassachusets crows were smarter than of an excess of lime, which effect ally expels all the ammonia not combined with the number of an excess of lime, which effect ally expels all the ammonia not combined with the number of an excess of lime, which effect ally expels all the ammonia not combined with the egs of horses will keep away flies.

The American Agriculturist believes the volatile ingredients. But in the case of our

Such high authority as Hilgard is cone u sive proof that the tertilizing properties of our compost are not lost, but oven improv-ed. If the cotton seed meal had been com-posted with the mark without the addition of sulphate of lime or landplaster, then we admit that the ammonia would have been lost, but the object of the landplaster was to fix the ammonia. Johnston's work on agricultural chemistry says: "It is a chemical law of apparently extensive application that when one elamentary substance is undergoing a direct chemical union with a second in the presence of a third, a tentency is imparted to the third to unite also with one or both of the other two, although in the same circumstance, it would not in the same circumstance, it would no unite with either, it present alone." O course then, when the ammonia is liberated it unites with the sulphuric acid of the sul-phate of lime, and forms a new compound sulphate of aumonia, which is not set forth. I could deduce other equally reliable authorities to substantiate what I have already said, but it is not necessary.

#### Prepaping Asparagus for Market.

Asparagus is best when cut early in the morning of the day when it is used. If required for home consumption, it should be washed in cold water immediately after

#### Raspberries.

These do better if planted in October, or even the first of November, than if set out in spring. One of the most important conditions of success of is to thoroughly prepare and enrich the ground, and for this there is more leisure in the fall. The rains settle the earth around the roots, so that they take hold of the soil at once, and the buds just above the roots, which make the new and bearing canes for the following season, and are small and dor-mant in the fall, start very early in the dency of raspberry hills is to rise too much above the surface, I set the plants about three inches deeper than they grow natura ly in the propagating bed or patch. Tread the ground firmly down around the roots, and throw on and immediately around the

have tried adding to the water a little coa oil, also carbolic seid, etc., but none were quite effective owing to the difficulty of quite effective owing to the pests. Occasionally I have found them moist with dew, so that powdered hellebore or black pepper than would stop their mischief. dusted over them would stop their misc. Who has found a satisfactory remedy?

#### Soil for Celery.

After trying for a number of years, almost in vain, to raise good celery on ordinary dry garden soil, I finally borrowed the use of a little patch of reclaimed swamp land—deep black muck, well drained but moist, and for the two past seasons have grown on it very fine celery with with but little labor. So I shall nover again attempt to grow this vectable or convene carries. to grow this regetable on common garden soil, without some cheap and easy method of irrigation. Market gardeners generally understand this.

other code of signals of that kind, because some stalwart old gentleman may make you acquainted with the boot flirtation, and if

#### A Wonderful Gimlet.

"But you must always look into the misty future," went on the fiend demurely;
"next winter you will want to make holes in your boot heels, so you can get your

"I use club skates no straps required."
"You may want to screw some boards together seme time. The old fashioned method of driving the screws in with a hammer is pernicious, as it deteriorates the tenacity of the fangs of the screw, as it were."

"Nothing to-day, sir."
"This gimlet also acts as a corkserew."
"I don't want it." "It also may be used as a tack-hammer,

eigar holder, and a tooth brush. "I don't want it." "It has an eraser, a pen, and inkstand, a table for computing compound interest, and a lunch-box attachment " "I can't help it, I don't want it."

a restaurant and a trip through Europe and an Italian opera company attached. You're the kind of man who would live near an electric light to save a gas bill."

And the peddlar walked out with his mental plumage on the perpendicular. New York Star.

A little boy being asked, "What is the chief end of a man?" replied: "The end what's got the head on." It is understood, however, that this boy is not a walker Gilmore's garden.—Sicentific American.

It is an English maxim that the queen can do no wrong. Must we im-pewter it to Britania?-N. O. Times.

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